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PLEASE REPLY TO: LOS ANGELES

VIA U.S. MAIL

Ms. Kim Clark
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Los Angeles County Health/Hazmat Department ("LACHHMD")
5825 Rickenbacker Road
City of Commerce, CA 90040

RE: 11630 and 11700 Burke Street, Santa Fe Springs, California

Dear Ms. Clark:

This correspondence and the attached documents will serve as a follow-up to our recent discussions concerning the above-referenced property. Additionally, the comments offered herein will serve as a request for further clarification regarding your recent correspondence dated January 25, 1996 with regard to the "former Palley property".

Presently, our offices are working together with Mr. Steve Bright of Environmental Audit, Inc. ("EAI") in order to prepare a "history and description of the site" as requested under item number 1 of your January 25th letter. To that end, I have attached a set of historical documents in the form of exhibits which provide in part a past regulatory history of the subject site.

Please find attached as Exhibit "A", documents received from the Santa Fe Springs Fire Department ("SFSFD") for the former Palley Supply Company/Globe Oil Tool operation at 11630 Burke Street. Specifically, the documents contained in Exhibit "A" include several documents related to a Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit (reference permit no. 6112) issued by the City of Santa Fe Springs.

Exhibit "B" also contains records obtained from the SFSFD for the Talco Plastics plant located at 11650 Burke Street. Numerous regulatory documents exist within the records for Talco including those related to an application for a Conditional Use Permit, fire investigation report, industrial hygiene survey and an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit (reference permit no. C-289) also issued by the City of Santa Fe Springs.

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Exhibit "C" includes additional SFSFD records for the former Master Box Paper Company facility at 11700 Burke Street. Please note that the subject facility is now the warehouse of El Greco Wholesale Grocers.

An additional set of documents is provided with this correspondence as Exhibit "D" which is made up of records received from the LA County District Attorney's Office regarding a previous criminal case entitled People vs. Palley for illegal transportation and disposal of hazardous waste. Of additional concern at the time of the illegal disposal violation was an inquiry by the LA County Department of Health Services regarding the possible illegal disposal of "waste oil" into the on-site clarifier system. Palley ultimately entered a guilty plea on July 6, 1988 and was put on probation paying fines in the amount of \$5,000.00 as well as reimbursing \$38,000.00 in costs to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District.

ITEM NO. 2:

By this correspondence, our offices would like to request further clarification regarding the request of the County for "[a] proposal for additional borings throughout the site". It was our impression based upon our recent discussions and site visit that only a few, if any, locations of the site would require further assessment actions in order to "fully characterize" the property. Specifically, our discussions had focused on the area adjacent to the roll-up door of the Talco Plastics building (reference EAI boring E-17), the area of the former abandoned clarifiers, and a depression at the rear southeast corner of the property adjacent to the railroad spur. As discussed over the telephone this morning, the aforementioned locations are the key areas of concern to the LACHHMD. EAI will also propose limited subsurface (~3" bgs) sampling for heavy metals as requested pursuant to Item No. 2.

ITEM NO. 3:

I would also like to request further clarification regarding the request for a "workplan for three (3) groundwater monitoring wells" for the Burke Street Site. Based upon our past discussions relative to the site it is my understanding that we would be required to place two additional wells at the site in addition to the existing ground water monitoring well (reference well "MW-1") currently in existence at the property.

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In a final issue, please be advised that the address of Mr. Larry Patsouras of Kekropia, Inc., has changed to 11700 East Burke Street, Santa Fe Springs, California 90605.

I trust that the documents submitted with this correspondence are helpful to the investigatory and oversight efforts of the LACHHMD. Please review this correspondence at your earliest opportunity and feel free to give me a call directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
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Enclosures

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